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Date: September 27, 2002

By Fax

Re: US Patent Application No. 10/029,951 in the name of Zhen-Man Lin

Claiming priority from Chinese Patent Application

Filing date: 12/31/2001

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Dear Mr. Dinh,

We refer to the above application and confirm we have received your first office action on August with many thanks. We are studying and will file response through Rabin & Berdo P.C. as soon.

However, we have one question and feel confused. That is, we can not find the above application by searching published patent applications on USPTO website. Since the *projected publication date* shown in official receipt is August 29, 2002, we would like to confirm if there is anything delaying the publication. Therefore, could you please kindly check the status and tell us when will the above application be published? Thank you very much for your assistance.

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. Thank you for your kind attention.

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Sincerely yours,

Maggie Wu

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Maggie Wu', written in black ink.

Signed and inquiry for the applicant